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In re application of

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For: **ULTRAVIOLET LASER SYSTEM
FOR FORMING VIAS IN
MULTI-LAYERED TARGETS**

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AMENDMENT

TO THE ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS:

In response to the November 2, 1995 Office action, please amend the above-identified patent application as follows.

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After "Mark D. Owen," insert --James N. O'Brien--.

In the Claims:

Amend claims 1, 3, 6, 7, 22, 26, and 27 as follows.

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1. (Amended) A method for laser processing a multi-layered target including at least two layers having different chemical compositions [with respective first and second optical absorption characteristics responsive to ultraviolet light], comprising:

generating high power ultraviolet laser output pulses having a predetermined spatial spot size, a wavelength shorter than about 400 nm, a temporal pulse width shorter than about 100 ns, and an average output power of greater than about 100 mW measured over the spatial spot size; and

applying the laser output pulses to the target so that the laser output pulses cleanly remove at least two layers within the spatial spot size.